Stadium by the Government of NCT of Delhi/NDMC; and R.K. Khanna Tennis Complex by All India Lawn Tennis Association, apart from some smaller venues/training facilities at various places including Delhi University. In addition, the Government of NCT of Delhi has project proposals for a number of flyovers, bridges and roads/widening of roads etc., which are concerned with requirements for transport and communication *vis-a-vis.* the Commonwealth Games and/or with the general upgradation of civic infrastructure in the city. These, *inter alia,* include the project of the Link Road (Tunnel) from the Games Village site to the vicinity of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and Bye Passes at Mahipalpur and Masoodpur for improvement in airport connectivity.

(c) All the Games related projects are expected to be completed in time for the Commonwealth Games.

**Legislation on Commonwealth Games**

†409. SHRI JAI PARKASHAGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that for the Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne last year, a Commonwealth Games Management Act-2001 was enacted over there;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enact the same kind of Act also for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi so that the other Acts including Environment and Heritage may not hamper the projects relating to these games; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. For expediting various clearances, Government has constituted an Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the games related projects. Another Committee has been set up, with

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as convenor to deal with clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC).

**Training to Sports persons**

410. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sportspersons who are being trained by Government for better performance in International events;

(b) the details of International events of sports which. India is likely to host during the next ten years;

(c) the planning being made for better hosting and best performance by Indian players; and

(d) the budgetary support to the Ministry for (a) to (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR): (a) Around 13000 sportspersons are being trained in different centres under various schemes being implemented by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Further, around 3500 sportspersons (including some trainees in the SAI's centres) are being trained every year under National Coaching Camps in the context of international events.

(b) The 3rd Commonwealth Youth Games are being held at Pune in October, 2008 and 19th Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held in Delhi in October, 2010. India has also bid for holding the 2014 Asian Games in Delhi a decision on which is to be taken by the Olympic Council of Asia later in the year.

International Championships/competitions in different disciplines are allotted by the World/International body concerned normally about a year in advance. As per information received from Federations concerned, the World Badminton Championship in 2009, 10th Jr. and 4th Cadet World Archery Championship in 2008 and 17th Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship in 2007 are proposed to be hosted by India.

(c) The Government is taking systematic steps for the creation/ upgradation of the sports infrastructure required for the Commonwealth Games, and for upgradation of the civic infrastructure and creation of